DEVOTION

You will receive power

Devotional on Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8, ESV)

1. Power Will Be Given to You

The promise is not political power but spiritual empowerment. The Greek word *dynamis* means miraculous ability or divine strength. Fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2:1–4), prophesied in Joel 2:28–29 and Ezekiel 36:26–27.

2. The Church is Born

When the Spirit descends, believers are equipped, led, and indwelled (John 14:16–17). God’s presence strengthens His people for their mission.

3. You Will Be My Witnesses

Witnessing is both proclamation and lifestyle. We testify to Christ’s life, death, and resurrection (Luke 24:46–48). This connects with the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20).

4. To Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the Ends of the Earth

Jerusalem: the birthplace of faith (Luke 24:47). Judea & Samaria: breaking cultural barriers (John 4:4–42). Ends of the earth: God’s promise to all nations (Genesis 12:3; Romans 10:14–15). The apostles carried this mission forward (Acts 13–28).

Conclusion

Acts 1:8 reminds us that believers are empowered by the Spirit for mission. We are called to witness through our words and our lives. The gospel is for everyone, everywhere.

Reflection Question

How is the Holy Spirit enabling you to bear witness today—in your Jerusalem (home or work), your Judea and Samaria (community and beyond), and to the ends of the earth?